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(C) The Ambassador raised the issue of limiting high-level engagement with Syria until Syria proves it deserves it in a meeting with FM Frattini July 21. Poloff raised reftel points urging realism in dealing with the SARG with MFA Deputy Near East Office Director Daniele Bosio July 23. Bosio said he appreciated the points, would share with them the FM's office, and noted that Italy, France, Spain, and Germany had sent a joint letter signed by the four FMs to their Syrian counterpart July 22. Bosio said the letter called on Syria to demonstrate its professed goodwill by following through with concrete actions such as establishing a diplomatic presence in Beirut.
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